

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

1 - 22 (Canceled)

23. (New) A method of inhibiting apoptosis in a patient for the treatment of prion diseases which comprises administering an effective amount of a compound selected from the 1-[2-(6,7-methylenedioxy-naphth-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine, 1-[2-(4-cyclohexenylphenyl)-ethyl]-4-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine and 1-[2-biphenyl-4-yl)ethyl]-4-(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

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